(c) The present Diwan Peishkar has not had sufficient time and opportunity to do anything substantial in this direction. He is taking steps to give the sparsely represented classes better representation when opportunities occur.

Appointments in the Land Revenue Department.

41. Mr. K. Ayyappan.— Will the Government be pleased to state the number

(1) of applications for appointments received; and

(2) appointments made by the present Diwan Peishkar from each of the following communities:—Christians, Muslims, Ezhuvas, Nayars, Pulayas, Brahmins, Arayas and others?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) and (2) Vide list appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Request for opening a road in Anjur Village.

42. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any petition or a resolution passed at a meeting held at Pengamuk village has been received by the Government requesting the Government to open a road connecting Cherullikadavu road with Vaduthala road in Anjur village;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to this matter;

(c) whether orders have been passed granting the request?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is being enquired into.

(c) No. Vide answer to sub-division (b).

43. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition dated 2nd Meenam 1104 from the inhabitants of Kattakampal and Anjur; villages and if so, what is the request contained in the petition;

(b) whether the request has been sanctioned; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The request of the petitioners was for opening a road from Vaduthala to Cheruvally ferry and for improving the Vaduthala road.

(b) No.

(c) The Assistant Engineer had been asked to report on the same and his report has been received. The matter is engaging the attention of the Department.

Small-pox attacks in Chelakkara.

44. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) the number of small-pox attacks at Chelakkara and the number died during 1104;

(2) what remedial measures did the Government take to prevent spreading of the disease?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) There have been 72 attacks and 19 deaths from small-pox in Chelakkara in 1104 till the 8th of Mithunam.

(2) Vaccination is being pushed on in this village as well as in the other infected villages by appointing a temporary vaccinator in addition to the Circle Vaccinator.

Supply of medicines.

45. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 1104 many of the Hospitals in the State do not get medicines in time and that the quantity supplied to them is insufficient to meet their requirements; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the number of complaints received in the matter; the Hospitals in respect of which such complaints were made and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) As there was a change in the system of purchase of medical stores and tenders had to be called for from England, there was delay in the submission of the Home indent. The indents could not be placed until all details connected therewith were settled. But medical officers who have asked for medicines from time to time have invariably been supplied from the Reserve Store as is evident from the statement enclosed. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(b) In many institutions the number of patients is very much in excess of the previous year's attendance and hence the estimated supply may have fallen short of requirements; but no complaints have yet been received in the matter.

Holding of Panchayat meetings outside Panchayat Areas.

46. **Mr K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is the policy of the Government to allow Panchayat meetings to be held outside the area of the respective Panchayats; and if so,

(b) how many Panchayats are holding their meetings outside their areas and what are the names of these Panchayats;

(c) what is the reason in each case for holding the meeting outside the Panchayat jurisdiction;

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